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From my own CHAMBERS.

An Apology for Hypocrisy would seem a very odd Title to a *Moral Essay*; and yet, odd as it might seem, I know not whether such an Apology might not be compos'd for *some Characters*, and for a *certain Degree* only of this Vice, upon *moral Principles*: Upon Principles of *Prudence* I am sure it might, and Prudence, by our *Ethic Anatomists*, is reckon'd the first of the four *Cardinal Virtues*.

I have urg'd it before, in the Course of my *Lucubrations*, that it is much better *not to commit* a bad Action, and to avoid even the Reproach of our own *Conscience*, than to be Master enough of Prudence to *conceal* our Faults when committed. Tho' this be an indisputable Truth, it will be also found true, that where a Man has not yet attain'd the Perfection of *subduing his Passions*, and is unavoidably thrown by Education or Fortune into a Situation that requires him to be *exemplary*, it behoves him at least to *cover* what he has not *corrected*, that his Weakness may not be made either a *Plea* or an *Objection* by others. And this farther good Consequence may possibly result from his *prudential Restraint*, that as he finds the *real Practice* of Virtue not more painful, tho' infinitely more satisfactory, than the *Appearance* of being virtuous, even *Interest* may at last induce him to chuse the *former*.

A *wise Parent* will conceal from his *Son*, a *wise Master* from his *Servant*, those Foibles which put them too much upon a *Level* with themselves, and consequently detract from the *Deference* expected to superior Persons. A *Clergyman* who feels himself not yet *sanctified*, should at least endeavour not to appear *abandon'd*. *Kings*, we well know, are not more virtuous than other Men: But it concerns them, if they would govern a *virtuous People*, to conceal their own Vices, and affect at least a Regard for Religion and Morality. The Author of the *Essay on Man* knew Human Nature too well to suppose, that a *Crown* or a *Cowl*, an *Apron* or a *Gown* did of themselves constitute any Difference in the Inward Habit; and therefore he makes the Distinction of Characters to lie between *Wisdom* and *Folly*, and the greatest human Excellence to consist in ACTING WELL OUR PART.

> You'll find, if once the *Monarch* acts the *Monk*,
> Or, *Cobler-like*, the *Parson* will be drunk,
> Worth makes the *Man*, and Want of it the *Fellow*;
> The Rest, is all but *Leather* and *Prunella*.

The late King WILLIAM was not perhaps a better Man than some of his *Predecessors*, even in those very Respects wherein such of his Predecessors had render'd themselves *contemptible*. We know that he had his *Favourites*, that no Man was more *partial* to Favourites than He, and that among these there was at least one *Lady*. Yet this Monarch always kept on a *grave Appearance*, was private in his Vices, and so had the general Character, with most People, of not being *vitious*. His very Court, tho' partly compos'd of the same Men, had quite *another Character* than the Courts of his Uncle and Father-in-Law, who were one of them *openly lascivious*, the other *openly* an Enemy to the *establish'd Religion* of his Country.

I once heard a *Visitation Sermon*, wherein the honest Country Priest took for his Text these Words: *The Scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' Seat: All therefore that they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their Works; for they say, and do not.* And a very good Discourse I remember he made to his Brethren, the *Clergy* then assembled, upon the Necessity they were under of exhibiting *good Examples* to their People, who were too apt, when admonish'd, to retort upon them this Reproach, *Ye say, and do not.*

There are a great many Liberties, innocent in themselves, and equally innocent in *Clergymen* as in other Persons, which however these ought not publickly to take, if they suspect any of their pious Hearers, of less Understanding, may not think them becoming their Character. I do not say a Clergyman ought not to take them, if he can do it without giving an Occasion to *stumble*; but unless that can be, he ought rather to *abstain* than hurt the Peace of another: Which I take to be the Sense of St. PAUL's Rule, when he talks of his great Care not to *offend a weak Brother* in Things indifferent: And of this Kind is the *Hypocrisy* for which I would apologize.

I have known a *Country Gentleman* of the Cloth, whose fervent Preaching and regular Example had an Influence on all his Parishioners, who consisted of *plain simple People*: And yet he thought it no Crime to come up to Town once or twice a Year, to live among his Friends in a somewhat *more free*, tho' still *innocent*, Manner, than he would do at home, or even than at home he could find *Companions* to taste and enjoy with him. *Literary Matters*, the *Theatre*, *Politicks*, all of them Things he never mention'd in his Parish, he thought very good Subjects to *recreate* with for a Week or Fortnight.

A *Chaplain* in the Fleet or Army, while upon Duty, is generally thought entitled to more Liberty in Conversation than another Clergyman, that he may adapt himself to the *Company* he is oblig'd to be among: But besides that I see no Reason why *Officers*, who are usually *Gentlemen* both by Land and Sea, should be presum'd to be of *worse Manners* than other Men of the same Sense and Education; I think that if this *Presumption* might have Place, he who takes upon him the Care of their *Souls* ought to be a Man the more *void of Reproach*, that he might both by Precept and Example be an *authoritative Check* upon their Behaviour. I have heard a Story of some distinguish'd Bishop, Sir *William Dawes* I believe, that going a-cross the Parade in St. *James's Park*, when a Party of the Guards were under Arms, he observed the Officer who exercis'd them to *swear* extravagantly: Whereupon going up to him, 'Sir, said he, 'I am *no Soldier*, and therefore cannot tell how far *Oaths* 'are a necessary Qualification in that Character: But 'if you *can* do your Business *without Swearing*, let me 'intreat you to refrain.' The Reproof, it is said, had its immediate Effect.

CORNELIO was a Man of great *Wit*, but at the same Time of most *vitious Inclinations*. Fortune threw him into the *Church*, and his Genius soon got him a *domestic Chaplainship* to a noble Family. The *Lord* was an exceeding *good* and *pious* Man; he had even *wrote* in Defence of Religion; and as CORNELIO had hitherto kept on the Veil, his Lordship look'd upon him to be equally *religious* and *ingenious*. But his Lordship's *Sons* quickly found the contrary, CORNELIO readily joining with them in their *Night Debauches*, whenever they could do it without the Father's Knowledge. In the Old Man's Sight he was a very *Saint*, and with the young Men an arrant *Rake*. At last the mere *Mask of Piety* grew too painful for him to wear: CORNELIO came to Town, became a *profess'd Debauchee*, and partly thro' his *Wickedness*, partly thro' his *Wit*, was admitted into the gayest Company of first Character. He had given over all *Thoughts* of Preferment in the *Church*; but, as he found his Conversation agreeable, he thought a Chaplainship to one of the *Noble Rakes*, who had admitted him into their Consort, might be still at his Command. The Lord he pitch'd upon was nominated *Embassador* to a foreign State, whereupon CORNELIO made his immediate Application. 'I am very sorry 'NELI, says his Lordship, that I cannot oblige you, 'because you are a very *pleasant Fellow*; but Faith you 'are not *wicked enough*; you want one *necessary Vice* to 'qualify you for my Service in this Capacity.'—A *Vice* My Lord! quoth NELI with Surprize, what can that be? I thought I had possess'd *all the Vices* in general.

'There you were mistaken then, replied the Peer; you 'want HYPOCRISY to *conceal the Rest*.'

If CORNELIO wanted this *Vice* (which in a certain Degree I have been proving a *Virtue*) *Friend* JOHN had it to the greatest Excess that perhaps was ever heard of. His History I am assur'd is very *true*; but as it is also very *modern*, and for ought I know might affect some Persons living if told without *Disguise*, I shall make Use of nothing but general Circumstances.

JOHN was an *Apprentice* to a wealthy Citizen, of the same Profession with himself, who respected him greatly. He was a Youth of *Genius*, and much seeming *Sanctity*; declaiming continually against the *Degeneracy* of the Age, the Propensity of *young People* to run after the Vanities of the World, and the Beauty of *Simplicity* in Nourishment, Conversation, and Apparel. This rais'd such a *Prejudice* in his Favour, that he was under no more Restraint than if he had been Master himself. He went out when he pleas'd, the good Man being confident that it was always to some *religious Society*, and with a View to promote *Piety*, of which he seem'd to have a more than common Feeling. It passed on thus for a considerable Time, all his Actions continuing *uncensur'd* and *unexamin'd*.

But one Summer's Evening it happen'd, that two young Men of the same Persuasion, who were JOHN's frequent *Associates* in Meetings of Devotion, out of mere Curiosity went to one of our *public Places* of Entertainment about Town, where, no doubt, they were but little expected. In the Walks they saw a *Gentleman* gaily dress'd, with a Sword by his Side, and a *fine Lady* having hold of his Arm. They both look'd at him earnestly, and concluded, that if it was *possible* to suppose such a Thing, they should take him for *Friend* JOHN in Masquerade. They went nearer, heard his *Voice*, and were still more convinc'd, that if it was not their Friend, Nature, contrary to her usual Custom, had form'd *two Men* in all Respects alike. One was for speaking, but the other restrain'd him: They only, by Enquiry, learned that the *Gentleman* came there *often*, and agreed to take another Opportunity to *inform themselves farther*.

They came again, saw the same Man with the same Lady, both in *different Dresses*, but still very *rich*. They met him, follow'd him, cross'd him, and *view'd* him in all Lights and Attitudes. There was no longer any Doubt; they went up to him together, and accosted him in the customary Stile of *Friend* JOHN, *how dost?* The Gentleman started back, asked what they meant, and declar'd he had *no Acquaintance* with them, nor had ever *seen* them before to his Knowledge. They, equally positive, asked peremptorily, *Is not thy Name* JOHN——? He indignantly answer'd them, *No*, wonder'd what the *Fellows* meant, and upon their pressing him still farther, went to the Master of the Gardens, and got them turn'd out for the *Insult*.

His being so mov'd was a *Confirmation* that he was the Person. However, there was no contending against *Power*. The only Means they had left was to wait his *coming out*: They did so, and saw him go into a *Coach* with his Lady, the Driver of which they observ'd to be very much like the *Porter* that used to open JOHN's Master's Shop. Having follow'd the Coach to Town, till they saw the Couple *alight* and go into a House, they made the best of their Way to the *Master's*, in order to tell the Story before his Arrival. In a very short time comes JOHN in his *plain primitive Dress*, looking as sheepish as any Country Bumkin.

The *Master*, however, went with the two young Men to a Tavern, where they agreed to send for the *Porter*. He too was just come home, and dress'd as usual. They tax'd him directly with the Affair, threatening *Commitment* upon Suspicion if he did not confess, and promising *Indemnity* if he told the whole Truth. The Fellow squeek'd, own'd that for some Time he had been *Master* JOHN's *Coachman*, and that he had a *Livery* lodg'd at the Place where they used to take up the Lady. As for the *Coach* and *Horses*, they had them always at a certain Price. Upon examining afterwards at home, the *Cash* was found diminished enough for the Summer Maintenance of any Gentleman and his Lady. It was thought convenient, notwithstanding to *stifle* the Affair, and JOHN was only sent privately to *Pensylvania*.

This is an Instance of *Hypocrisy* as odious as either I have recommended may be sometimes laudable, and we have only given it by way of *Contrast* to the Story of CORNELIO.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Petersbourg, Dec. 22. Her Imperial Majesty arriv'd here on the 20th in the Evening, in perfect good Health. She was only attended by the Vice-Chancellor Count Waranzoff, Count Leftock, two Gentlemen of the Bedchamber, and some few Ladies. The Great Duke and Dutchess are expected this Evening, and the Chancellor To-morrow.

Florence, Jan. 5. The Suspicions that M. de Gages had a View of undertaking something by assembling his Troops in the State of Viterbo, encrease daily from the Steps he continues to take, which have rais'd a Jealousy that he may march through this State by Pisa, &c. to join his Troops to those of Don Philip on the Frontiers of Lombardy, and that he will advance in Proportion as the Spanish Troops advance in the State of Genoa. All the Spanish Troops are in Motion to draw near to Viterbo. Those that were quarter'd in Abruzzo, file off towards Rieti; and it is the general Opinion, that as soon as they are all assembl'd, M. de Gages will begin his Operations. The Director of the Artillery, who was at Rome, on sudden Orders which he receiv'd, departed from thence in the Night of the 1st Instant, to make Dispositions for the March of the Artillery on the first Notice.

Genoa, Jan. 7. Marquess Castellar, with upwards of 3000 Men is arriv'd at Oneille, the rest of the Spanish Army is following them; they have also sent for the Cavalry from Nice and Villafranca; at Port Maurice they have got 26 Field Pieces, some Mortars, with a Quantity of Powder and Provisions, Part of which has been brought by Sea, and Part by Land from Nice, Orders are also given for the French Troops to follow, and some Regiments are already in March. The Peasants are actually repairing the Roads in the Riviera, and are directed therein by two or three Spanish Engineers. Don Philip is still at Nice, and we have Advice, that it was not determin'd whether he would pass the Winter there, or advance with the Army to this City. Eighty Mules loaden with Money were arriv'd there from Spain, The Republick has already on Foot 14 or 15,000 Men, and is still raising new Troops.

Ratisbon, Jan. 14. The Vanguard of the Corps of French Troops, which is marching from Swabia, and is said to be of 15,000 Men, has already enter'd the Bishoprick of Eichstet; in all likelihood they will take the same Route with about 4000 other French Troops which belong to the Imperial Army, who are broke up from Kelheim, and direct their March towards Dietfurt. These last have a Train of Artillery with them, and have detach'd 300 Men, with four Cannon, to secure Hemmau. Letters from General Bernclau's Corps in the Upper Palatinate bring Advice, that the General of the Artillery, Thungen, having batter'd the Town of Amberg for some Days, the Garrison, consisting of 900 Men, had capitulated, and obtain'd an Armistice of 24 Hours, in order to send to Munich for Instructions. General Bernclau writes Word, that he intends in a few Days to return thither Count Chateck, who is again appointed by the Queen of Hungary President of the Administration in the Upper Palatinate, has settled Winter Quarters in the Bavarian Territories, and those of Neuburg, in that Province, for about 25,000 Men of the Austrian Troops.

Hague, Jan. 22. By an Express arriv'd here from Paris of the 19th Instant, we learn, that all the Galleons that were expected at Cadiz were safely got in there, under the Convoy of Admiral de las Torres. By our freshest Letters from the Side of Ratisbon, Amberg was invested by the Austrians; but the French and Imperialists here pretend to have receiv'd Advice, that the Besiegers had been repuls'd with Loss in an Attempt they made to take that Town by Storm. M. Maillebois is said to be reinforcing himself by small Detachments sent him out of Franconia, Alsace and Lorrain. By Advice from Lille we hear, that it was the common Discourse there, that the French were preparing for some Enterprize, which would be executed as soon as the Ice would bear. From Cambrai we hear, that a Detachment was lately sent from that Town on the Side of St. Omers, Aire, and the neighbouring Places, for the Scaling Ladders which have been lately made in those Towns, and that a great Number were likewise making at Douay. From Ypres there is Advice, that the French Engineers have lately drawn a Plan for making Inundations to the Royal Gate of that Town. A Director has been put under Arrest for having caus'd Part of the Reform'd Church there to be demolish'd without Orders. From Mons, Marienbourg, Charleville, Mazieres, Philippeville, and Maubeuge it is written, that an Order is come countermanding the Levies of the Militia 'till further Orders.

IRELAND.

Kinsale, Jan. 2. The 30th past arriv'd the Leostaff Privateer, of London, 400 Tons, 20 Guns, nine Pounders, 22 Swivels, and 211 Men, Capt. Charles Fielding Commander, from a Cruize; in which they took the Holy Trinity, a French Privateer, of and from St. John de Louvix, 120 Tons, 12 Carriage, eight Swivel Guns, and 103 Men, Peter Sonietta Commander, on her first Cruize, and but three Days out of Port. When they made Mizen-Head on this Coast it was thick hazy Weather, and little Wind; so that it was with much Difficulty, and beyond Expectation, they got the Leostaff off Shore, and as the Prize was nearer the Shore, and not yet arriv'd (the Wind being fair) it is fear'd she is lost.

Dublin, Jan. 5. By Capt. Kelfick, arriv'd this Week from Bourdeaux, we learn, that there are four Privateers belonging to that Place out at Sea, and two others getting ready; that they own there, that they have lost about sixty of their large West-Indiamen, and their Trade to the West-Indies is groaning under the greatest Difficulties.

On Wednesday last died of a lingering Illness, Dr. Francis Foreside, Professor of Physick in the University of Dublin, a Gentleman well skill'd in his Profession, and much lamented by all who had the Pleasure of his Acquaintance.

Dublin, Jan. 8. Last Sunday died Richard Malone the Elder, Esq; the eldest Lawyer at the Bar, a Gentleman of as good Eminence as ever appear'd there, and of universal good Character in all other Respects.

Dublin, Jan. 12. Hugh Baillie, L. L. D. is appointed Judge of the Admiralty in this Kingdom, in the room of the late Dr. Hawkshaw, to hear and determine all Suits relating to the same.

Last Week died Stewart Blackar, of Prookend in the County of Tyrone, Esq; much lamented by all who were acquainted with him: He was hospitable, generous and disinterested, affectionate to his Relations, a Lover of his Country, and a Friend to Mankind.

Last Monday Night died, after a tedious Illness, the Right Rev. Dr. Carew Reynell, Lord Bishop of Derry, who was privately interr'd on Wednesday Morning early at St. Anne's.

Last Tuesday, about Eleven at Night, began the most violent Storm that hath been known at S. S. E. which continued all that Night and the next Day, and brought down the greatest Quantity of Snow that ever was seen for the Time in this Kingdom, by which 'tis fear'd great Damages have been done, as the Snow was many Feet deep on the Ground; which, by a Thaw on Thursday, have render'd the Roads impassable in many Places. In this Storm the following Ships were forced on the North and South Bulls, viz.

The Italian Merchant, of London, Capt. Arabie, from Leghorn, bound to London or Bristol with Merchants Goods; the Hands all saved, and 'tis hoped the Ship will be also, which is now on the South Bull.

The Seaflower, of Lancaster, Muckelt, from Bristol, with Merchants Goods; the Hands all saved, and 'tis hoped the Vessel will be saved likewise, which is now by the South Piles.

The Anne and Elizabeth, of Emsworth, Walker, laden with Wheat; all Hands saved; is under the Brick Fields.

The Hopewell, of Emsworth, Salter, laden with Wheat, is lost on the South Side of the Piles; all Hands saved but one Boy.

The Nostra Seniora, De la Pedro and De Cabo, of Lisbon, Capt. Leite, laden with Salt, is on the North Bull; all Hands saved.

The Elizabeth, of Dublin, Rankin, bound to Eustatia and St. Kitt's, with Beef and Butter, is on the North Bull, and all the Hands are saved.

The Eagle, of Dublin, Young, from Milford, laden with Culme, is put athore near the Island of Clontarf; all the Hands are saved, and 'tis hoped the Ship will be saved likewise.

The Dispatch, of Chichester, Tanner, from thence, laden with Corn, suppos'd to be lost at Newtown-Castlebyrne, near the Black-Rock, and a Ship belonging to Stockholm, drove from the South Piles on the North Side of Contarf Island.

A Ship from Chichester, laden with Wheat and Flour, is stranded at Bray; the Cargo and all the Hands saved.

Their Excellencies the Lords Justices have order'd two large Guards of Soldiers, with proper Officers, to be posted along the North and South Shores, to protect the Ships from being made Wrecks and the Goods carry'd off by the Country People; the Guards are reliev'd every Day.

Several Men and Horses have been found dead on the Roads near this City, suppos'd to have been stifled in the Snow.

It is reported the Cavan Post-Boy is drown'd on the Road and the Mail lost, and 'tis fear'd the like Misfortune has happen'd to the North Post.

Hugh Cane, Esq; Gentleman Usher to the Dutchess of Devonshire, is made a Cornet in the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount Molesworth's Regiment of Royal Irish Dragoons, and Gentleman Usher to his Excellency the Earl of Chesterfield, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The Hon. Mr. Monk, Son to the Right Hon. the Lord Galway, a Commissioner of the Revenue in this Kingdom, is likewise made a Cornet in the said Regiment.

The Rev. Mr. Robert Phibbs, M. A. is presented, by the Right Rev. Dr. Synge, Lord Bishop of Elphin, to the Living of Tauna in the said Diocese.

Last Monday Folliot Warren, of Lodgbrook in the County of Kilkenny, Esq; was marry'd to Miss Staples, Daughter to the late Sir John Staples, a beautiful young Lady with a considerable Fortune.

A Vessel belonging to this Town, that went to take in a Lading of Copper Ore at Wicklow, was lost near the Murrow, being all beat to Pieces, and one of her Hands drown'd, and another died of the Cold almost as soon as he got on Shore.

Dublin, Jan. 15. Most of the Ships mention'd in our last to be stranded on the North and South Bulls have had great Part of their Cargoes saved, some of which have suffer'd much Damage; and 'tis hoped that most of the Vessels will be got off and made tight again, as the Weather is now very mild.

Last Saturday they began to unload the Italian Merchant, from Leghorn, lately stranded on the South Bull; her Cargo consists of Silk, Cotton, Oil, &c. which has receiv'd no Damage; and as soon as the Ship is light 'tis hoped she will be got off.

The 8th Instant, about 12 at Night, the John and Martha, from London, bound to Dublin, laden with 470 Quarters of Malt, was wreck'd in Tromore Bay, within five Miles of Waterford; the Master and Men were sav'd, but the Ship went all to Pieces in three Hours time, and the Cargo quite lost.

The Right Hon. the Lord Howth has been indefatigable in protecting the poor People who were so unfortunate as to be cast away off of Howth, and in securing, as much as in him lay, the Wreck for the Use of the Owners: He committed no less than 15 Persons to Kilmainham Gaol yesterday, whom he detected in plundering and robbing the poor People in Distress, and 'tis hoped they will meet with the Punishment which their Crimes deserve.

The Grosvenor from Chester, now on Shore between Dundalk and Carlingford, is in a very bad Way; but most of the Goods, though greatly damag'd, are landed, and will be preserv'd for the Owners.

Richard Wolfely, Esq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Caterlough, is created a Baronet, and Letters Patent have pass'd the Great Seal accordingly.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Jan. 14. Last Week died the Rev. Mr. James Mac Dermet, Minister of the Gospel at Ayr; a Gentleman of distinguish'd Abilities, whose Death is much lamented.

We hear that a Kind of Sickness has begun to infect the Horses, occasion'd, as some think, by the Badness of the Straw and Forrage.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Newcastle, Jan. 16. Last Monday was chas'd into this Harbour, in Sight of a Multitude of Spectators, a Brig and two Sloops, by a French Privateer, which fir'd several Shot at them, many of which graz'd on the Sand; for he came so near Tinmouth-Bar as to be in three Fathom Water. But a light Bark appearing, the Master had the Courage to fire at her and pursue her; which occasion'd her to steer off. ——— *'Tis not fear'd that the Privateers will venture up the River, or hearing the Swift and St. Quintan Men of War now in the Harbour, as well as Charles, which 'tis said now Lye to protect the Fort; but 'tis not doubted but they will be as impudent upon our Coast as ever.*

LONDON.

Sunday being the Birth-Day of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who then entered into the 30th Year of his Age, the Morning was usher'd in with Ringing of Bells, at Noon there was a numerous and splendid Appearance at Leicester-House to pay their Compliments to his Royal Highness on that Occasion; the Evening concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations throughout the Cities of London and Westminster, &c. Yesterday the Duke of Cumberland, and the Princess

Amelia and Caroline, went from St. James's to Leiceſter Houſe to compliment his Royal Highneſs; and laſt Night there was a Ball at St. James's for the Lords and Ladies of the Court.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Cheſterfield ſail'd from Harwich on Saturday laſt, and as the Wind has ſince been fair, it's believ'd that he landed in Holland on Sunday.

Tueſday two Engineers were appointed to go to the Catkets, in order to examine whether it be practicable to weigh up the Victory, lately loſt there.

Tueſday the Commiſſioners of the Exciſe appointed Mr. Samuel Lee, Supervifor of the Exciſe for the Diſtrict of Mansfield in Nottinghamſhire, to be Collector of that Revenue for the County of Denbigh.

Sunday Morning her Grace the Dutcheſs of Montroſe was deliver'd of a Son at his Houſe in Groſvenor-Square, which died the ſame Day, and her Grace lies extremely ill.

Monday the Rev. Dr. Ayſcough, Clerk of the Cloſet to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and Preceptor to Prince George, was married at Spring-Garden Chapel by the Right Rev. the Lord Biſhop of Worceſter, to Miſs Lyttleton, Daughter of Sir Thomas Lyttleton, of Hagley in the County of Worceſter, Bart. an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 6000 l.

Tueſday Mr. William Hulbert, an eminent Mercer on Ludgate-Hill, was married at St. Andrew in Holborn to Miſs Cochran, of James-Street, Daughter of the late Col. Cochran, of Cheſhunt in Hertfordſhire.

Laſt Sunday Mr. Smith, a young Gentleman of Luton in Bedfordſhire, was married at Lambeth to Miſs Smith, only Daughter of the late Mr. Smith, formerly a Hop-Factor at Wandſworth in Surrey; an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 4000 l.

Tueſday Counſellor Stibbs was married at St. John's, Southwark, to Miſs Harch, only Child of the late Capt. Hatch, of Rotherhithe; a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 10,000 l.

We hear from Lancaſter, that Laſt Week was married there Timothy Stern, of Shepley in Yorkſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Wiggleſworth, Daughter and Heireſs of the late Thomas Wiggleſworth, of Woodfields, Eſq; a young Lady of great Beauty and Merit, with a Fortune of 10,000 l. and a few Days after the new married Couple ſet out, with a handſome Retinue, for Mr. Stern's Seat in Yorkſhire.

On Saturday laſt William Jones, Eſq; a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of 1400 l. a Year in Monmouthſhire, was married at Camberwell in Surrey to Miſs Ferrant, of that Place, an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 6000 l. The new-married Couple immediately after the Ceremony ſet out for Hampton-Court, to celebrate their Nuptials.

On Saturday laſt died, at Guilford in Surrey, Joſeph Donne, Eſq; one of the Deputy Regiſters of the Court of Chancery under his Grace the Duke of St. Alban's.

Monday died the Rev. Mr. Stewart, Lecturer of All-hallows Barking in Tower-ſtreet: He was Chaplain to Sir Robert Willimott in his Mayoralty, and was univerſally eſteem'd.

A few Days ago died at his Seat at the Abbey in Cardiganſhire, of a lingring Illneſs, that worthy Gentleman Richard Stedman, Eſq; the laſt of the Name of that antient Family; by whoſe Death, without Iſſue, his Eſtate of about 1000 l. per Annum devolves upon Thomas Powell, of Nantcoms in that County, Eſq; their preſent Knight of the Shire in Parliament.

A few Days ago died, at Brampton near Boroughbridge in Yorkſhire, Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart. who married one of the Daughters of William Mellenger, of Fountain's-Abbey in the ſame County, Eſq; by whom he had four Sons, three of which died young, and is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his only Son, Thomas, who is married to Judith, one of the Daughters of Peter Dalton, of Grenanſtown in the County of Tiperary in Ireland, Eſq;

A few Days ſince died at Bath Sir John Swinburn, Bart. In 1721 he married Mary, only Daughter of Edward, Son of Sir Henry Bedingfield of Oxbrough in Norfolk, Bart. and by her had two Sons and ſix Daughters, living: He is ſucceeded in Honour and Eſtate by his eldeſt Son, John, born in 1724.

On Sunday died Mr. Mallet, an eminent Merchant, at his Houſe in Broad-ſtreet.

A few Days ago died at Ghent in Flanders, of the Convulſions in his Bowels, Capt. John Rich, a Captain in Oglevie's Regiment of Foot; who has had a Commiſſion in the Army ever ſince the Year 1704; in which Station he always behav'd with great Bravery.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight died, at the Deanery in Litchfield, after four Days Illneſs, aged 72, the Rev. Dr. Penny, Dean of Litchfield, Rector of Beddington in Surrey, and one of the Prebendaries of Norwich. He was an excellent Scholar, a fine Preacher, very charitable and humane to Perſons in Diſtreſs, and a moſt agreeable Companion, without the leaſt Tincture of Pride.; which render'd him very greatly eſteem'd and reſpected, and makes the Death of ſo valuable a Man a real Loſs.

Laſt Week died, at his Lodgings in King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, Lieutenant Graham, Aged 95, who had been an Officer in Flanders during the late War.

Monday died, at his Houſe in Ratcliff Highway, Mr. Caſſeler, reckon'd the oldeſt Engineer in the Kingdom: He was employ'd in moſt of the Sieges in the late Wars in Flanders; particularly that of Lille, where he behav'd with great Judgment and Bravery.

Laſt Week was interr'd with decent Funeral Pomp and Solemnity, the Corpſe of Capt. John Harwood, an antient and eminent Sea Commander. This Gentleman was above 88 Years of Age at his Death, was formerly Partner with Sir John Thompſon, Knt. and Alderman, an eminent Merchant of this City: He left his Wife ſole Executrix, and Capt. Robert Slater, of Nightingale-Lane, London, Merchant, ſole Truſtee of his real Eſtate, which he hath ſubjected to the Payment of ſeveral Legacies, Annuities, &c.

Francis Bernard, Eſq; is appointed Deputy Recorder of the Borough of Boſton in the County of Lincoln.

We hear that the Number of Troops to be employ'd for Guards and Garriſons in Great Britain for the Year 1745 is 15,768; there were upwards of 19,000 employ'd laſt Year.

At a Court Martial, lately held at Portſmouth, a Captain was mulcted a Year's Pay, for not firing his Stern Guns when firſt attack'd. The other Court Martials are poſtpon'd 'till the Arrival of Admiral Medley, with the Squadron under his Command.

Tueſday ſeveral hundred Journeymen Taylors attended the Honourable Houſe of Commons with printed Caſes, which they deliver'd to the Members of Parliament, ſetting forth their Maſters large Profits, and what Wages they might allow them.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight as fourteen Men were croſſing the River in a flat-bottom'd Boat between Windſor and Bray, in order to bring over ſome Horſes to tow up a Weſt-Country-Barge, one of the Perſons loſt the Pole which guided the Boat, and ſhe driving with the Stream, which went to a Mill, ſtruck upon a Stake and ſunk, by which Accident ſeven of the Men were drown'd; their Bodies were all taken up the next Day, and buried together in Windſor Church-Yard on Saturday laſt.

Laſt Week Matthew Taylor, a Lad of about nineteen Years of Age, was committed to New Priſon by Sir Thomas De Veil, upon the Oath of an Accomplice of his, a Girl about fifteen; who, for ſix Weeks paſt, from an Intimacy with the ſaid Lad, being an Apprentice to a Timber-Merchant living juſt by her Miſtreſs, contriv'd every Night, by getting upon a Pile of Boards, to lay one of them a-croſs, from the ſaid Pile to a two Pair of Stairs Window, the Caſement of which ſhe open'd to him at an appointed Hour, from Two o'Clock in the Morning to Four, during which Time he went to Bed to her, and at laſt robb'd the Houſe, where the ſaid Girl was a Servant, at Mrs. Elizabeth Trevor's, in Theobald's-Court; from whence, after breaking ſeveral Locks, he has taken ſome of her Wearing Apparel; which makes a Burglary and Felony.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight Mary Tracey receiv'd Sentence of Death at the Old Baily, after which the Court adjourn'd 'till the 27th of February next.

His Portugueze Majeſty has cauſed an Altar, in Moſaick Work, to be erected in the Portugueze Chapel at Rome, repreſenting the Baptiſm of our Saviour in the River Jordan, which has coſt a Million of Crowns, in Satisfaction of a Vow he made when he was firſt attack'd with an Apoplexy.

The young Marquiſs de Lede, who has been for ſome Time miſſing, has been at laſt diſcover'd in the Garb of a Grenadier; and having given remarkable Teſtimonies of his Valour in the ſeveral Actions laſt Year in Piedmont, his Catholick Majeſty has been pleas'd to declare him Aid de Camp to the Infant Don Philip; as alſo to promiſe him the firſt Regiment that is vacant in that Service.

They write from Philadelphia, that the Meduſa of Nantz, Capt. John Gillet, from Cape Francois, bound home, was taken by Capt. Sibbald, Commander of the Wilmington Privateer, and was ſafe arriv'd there; her Cargo conſiſts of Sugar, Indigo, and ſome Pieces of Eight. Several other rich Ships were in Company, after which Capt. Sibbald made ſail as ſoon as he ſent this Veſſel home.

The Dragon Privateer, Capt. Seaborn, of Briſtol, is arriv'd at Milford-Haven, from a Cruize; in which ſhe took a French Ship from Newfoundland, and ranſom'd her for 800 l. Sterling; and alſo a Snow from Cape Breton, laden with Fiſh, which he parted with the 10th Inſt. in the Channel.—She proves to be the Severn of Briſtol, which had been taken, and carried into Cape Breton.

A French Brig, about fifty Tons, laden with Glaſs and Millſtones, is taken by the Bell Privateer, Capt. Lecocq, and ſent into Alderney.

The Mercury Privateer, Capt. Payne, from London, has taken and carried into Gibraltar the St. John Baptiſt, Falcoe, bound from Bayonne to Cadiz, laden with Butter, Beef and Camblets.

We have Advice from Deal, that the Swift Privateer, Hutſon, arriv'd there laſt Friday from a Cruize, who has ſent into Dover a French Brig, laden with Wine and Brandy, from Bourdeaux for Dunkirk.

The Royal Ranger, Tott, Bird, or Grayland, Maſter, a Smuggler of 8 Carriage and 18 Swivel Guns, and two Cheſts of fine ſmall Arms, is taken by the New Eagle Privateer, Capt. Bazely, and brought into Dover. She is reckon'd the fineſt Veſſel belonging to the Smugglers, who when the Eagle came up, ſeem'd determin'd to defend themſelves; but ſeeing Capt. Bazely preparing to board them, they made ſail, and run the Veſſel aſhore, and inſtantly carry'd off a conſiderable Quantity of Money, and valuable Goods; but Bird, and ſeveral noted Smugglers are ſecur'd.

The Cunliffe, late Pritchard, who is arriv'd at Liverpoole from Virginia, fell in with a French Privateer about 15 Leagues to the Weſtward of Cape Clear, who had a large Prize in Company. Capt. Pritchard having 18 Guns maintained a Running-Fight for eight Hours; when the French at laſt thought fit to ſheer off. Capt. Pritchard receiv'd a Shot in his Head, of which he died the 17th Inſtant. Two of his Crew were wounded.

Capt. Organ Furnell, late of the Lyon Privateer, is arriv'd at Briſtol: He left St. Malo laſt Tueſday, and ſays, that a few Days before the Privateers of that Place had brought in the ——, Faulkner, and the ——, Young, both from Virginia; the ——, Brown, from the Mediterranean, and a Ship called the Antigua Packet.

The Bacchus Privateer, Capt. Wadham, and her Prize, are both taken by the French and carried into Breſt.

The Volunteer, Hartwell, from Faro for Ireland, is taken by the French and carried into Breſt.

A Brigantine from Waterford to Gibraltar, ſuppoſed to be the Eleanor, How, is taken by a French Privateer.

Extract of a Letter from New-York, Sept. 3.

'We have certain Intelligence that a 70 Gun Ship, a 56 Gun Ship, a 44 and a 26 Gun Ship, are arriv'd at Cape Breton from France. The 70 Gun Ship call'd the Ardent, with ſix hundred Men; the 56 call'd the Brilliant, with five hundred and fifty Men; and the others with Men in like Proportion to their Guns: That they had likewiſe with them eighteen Merchant-Ships, from 20 to 26 Guns, and from ſeventy to eighty Men each: That they carried with them Men, Ammunition, and Stores, for a new 70 Gun Ship, now ready at Quebeck: That they have beſides 1200 regular Troops at Cape Breton. Such a French Force here deſerves the Attention of all the Colonies on the Main.

Extract of a Letter from Barnſtaple, dated Jan. 15.

'On Sunday laſt arriv'd at Ilfracombe, a Ship from Breſt with Engliſh Priſoners (about 200) in a very ſickly Condition. Five were thrown overboard in the Paſſage. The ſame Day that this Ship came out of Breſt, the Swallow of Biddeford, Dennis Ruſſel, Maſter, laden with Fiſh, was carried into that Port, having been taken on the Banks of Newfoundland by two French Men of War from Cape Breton. The Swallow came out under Convoy of the Kingſale Man of War, Capt. Young; but a few Days after they met with a violent Storm, which ſcatter'd the whole Fleet, and 'tis fear'd, we ſhall have but a poor Account of them, as there was only one Man of War to protect ſo valuable a Branch of Trade.

Extract of a Letter from Portſmouth, dated Jan. 17.

'We are now very buſy in victualling and fitting out a Squadron of Ships, ſaid to be for Channel Service; they conſiſt of two of 80 Guns, four of 70, three of 60 and four of 50, beſides Tenders; but who will have the Command of them we know not.

From the London Gazette.

Gibraltar, Dec. 14. On the 8th Inſtant a Fleet of Ships, making in all nineteen Sail, appear'd about three Leagues diſtant from the Hill. Nine of them appear'd to be French Men of War of 60 Guns each, or upwards. On the 10th, it blowing a ſtrong Levant Wind, the ſaid Fleet ſail'd thro' the Gut to the Weſtward, and came cloſe by Europa Point. His Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Phœnix fell in with them the 10th in the Night, as did alſo the Guernſey the 11th in the Morn-

ing, but they out-sail'd them, and got safe in here. We have Advice that there is in the Bay of Cadiz three Register Ships fitting out for the West-Indies, and the Terrible, a French Ship of 74 Guns, which, it is thought, is to join the Fleet which sail'd thro' the Gut on the 10th.

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